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ARMED ROBBERY FATAL POLICE SHOOTING

On 03/14/06 at approximately 9:20 p.m. an armed robbery took place at the Mobil Station located at North Frontage Road in East Haven, CT. Two male suspects entered the gas station displayed a handgun, demanded cash from the employee and fled the scene with an unknown amount of money in a mid-sized car. East Haven Police Officers responded to the robbery scene. All surrounding police agencies were advised of a physical description of the suspects and the suspect vehicle.

An East Haven Officer on patrol spotted the suspect car and attempted to stop it in East Haven. The suspects engaged the East Haven officer in pursuit. The suspect car entered I-95 southbound. As the suspect car crossed the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge they encountered heavy traffic due to on going construction. The suspect lost control and crashed on the bridge. Troopers who were working at the construction site on I-95 had prepared to engage the suspect vehicle as it approached. Immediately after the crash the officers approached the suspect vehicle and were fired upon by the suspect. State Troopers and the East Haven Police Officers returned fire. One suspect was seriously wounded and was pronounced dead at the scene. The second suspect was taken into custody by police and transported to Yale New Haven Hospital for minor injury suffered in the crash. He was treated and released to the custody of East Haven Police.

One East Haven Officer and one State Trooper were wounded by gunfire. The wounded East Haven Police Officer and State trooper were both transported to Yale New Haven Emergency Room. Both were admitted suffering from non-life threatening gunshot wounds. The identity of the officer and State Trooper are being withheld to allow them to notify their respective family member of this incident.

At the request of the New Haven State's Attorney the Connecticut State Police Western and Central District Major Crime Squads both responded to this scene. The Western Squad has been assigned to conduct the investigation into the Police shooting on I-95. The Central Major District Crime Squad was requested by the East Haven Police Chief to assist East Haven Police in processing the robbery scene.

Both criminal cases are under investigation.

The crime scene is on I-95 s/b the interstate highway is expected to be closed while the investigation is underway for a major portion of the morning commute. The detour is as follows: I-95 s/b traffic will exit at #51 to Route 1 southbound. Traffic will proceed to I-91 northbound or to I-95 southbound entrance at #46 Long Wharf. Troopers will assist New Haven Officers to facilitate the traffic flow.

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